

Let  $\mathbb{P}_q^3 := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^3$ . For  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ , denote by  $[a, b]$  the set  $\{(x, ax + bx^q) : x \in \mathbb{F}_{q^2}\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{q^2} \times \mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ . This is a line in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}^2$ , which corresponds to a plane in  $\mathbb{F}_q^4 \cong_{\mathbb{F}_q} \mathbb{F}_{q^2}^2$  and so corresponds to a line in  $\mathbb{P}_q^3$ . For example, choosing  $q = 3$  and  $\mathbb{F}_9 = \mathbb{F}_3[i]/(i^2 + 1)$ ,  $a = 1 + i \in \mathbb{F}_9$  and  $b = 2 + 0i \in \mathbb{F}_9$  and the  $\mathbb{F}_3$ -vector space isomorphism  $f : \mathbb{F}_9 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_3^2$  via  $f(\mu + \lambda i) = (\mu, \lambda)$ , we get

$[a, b] =$

$\{\vec{0}, (1 + i, 2), (2i, 1 + i), (1 + 2i, 1 + 2i), (2, 2i), (2 + 2i, 1), (i, 2 + 2i), (2 + i, 2 + i), (1, i)\}$

in  $\mathbb{F}_9^2$  which via  $f$  corresponds to the plane in  $\mathbb{F}_3^4$

$\{\vec{0}, (1, 1, 2, 0), (0, 2, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2), (2, 0, 0, 2), (2, 2, 1, 0), (0, 1, 2, 2), (2, 1, 2, 1), (1, 0, 0, 1)\}$

which in  $\mathbb{P}_3^3$  corresponds to the line

$$\{(1, 1, 2, 0), (0, 1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 1, 2), (1, 0, 0, 1)\}.$$

Bruen in *Partial Spreads and Replaceable Nets* describes a recipe for creating maximal partial spreads of size  $q^2 - q + 2$  (Theorem 3.6). We will follow this recipe for  $q = 11$ . First we will take  $\mathbb{F}_{11} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, T\}$ , defining  $T = 10$  for simplicity. We will look at  $\mathbb{F}_{121} = \mathbb{F}_{11}[\alpha]/(\alpha^2 + 1)$ , so  $\alpha^2 = T$ . Note that  $[a + b\alpha, 0]$  is the line that connects  $(1, 0, a, b)$  with  $(0, 1, -b, a)$ .

First we will take 12 lines in a regulus  $R$ : our regulus will specifically be made up of the lines  $r_a := [a, 0]$  for  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{11}$  and  $\ell_\infty$ , the line through  $(0, 0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ . Choose two lines in  $R$  to denote  $u$  and  $v$ : we will choose  $u = r_0$  and  $v = \ell_\infty$ . For our regulus  $R$ , there is a cross-regulus  $R^\times$  comprising 12 mutually-skew lines, with each line of  $R^\times$  intersecting each line of  $R$  once: therefore giving  $R$  and  $R^\times$  the same set of 121 points in  $\mathbb{P}_{11}^3$ . We will select two lines from  $R^\times$ :  $u'$  the line through  $(0, 0, 1, 0) \in \ell_\infty$  and  $(1, 0, 0, 0) \in r_0$ ; and  $v'$  the line through  $(0, 0, 0, 1) \in \ell_\infty$  and  $(0, 1, 0, 0) \in r_0$ .

We will then pick  $P = (1, 0, 0, 0) \in u' \cap v$ ,  $Q = (0, 0, 0, 1) \in v' \cap u$ ,  $A = (0, 0, 1, 0) \in u' \cap u$ , and  $B = (0, 1, 0, 0) \in v' \cap v$ . Then define  $\ell = \overline{AB}$  and  $m = \overline{PQ}$ . Pick a point  $x \in \ell$  not in the regulus: we will choose  $x = (0, 1, 1, 0)$ . Note  $\ell \cap m = \emptyset$ . What we want is a line meeting  $\ell$  and  $m$  and is skew to all lines of  $R$ . From  $x$ , we will draw 10 lines to  $m$  (one to each point of  $m$  not in  $R$ ) and name them  $t_a$  if the line intersects  $r_a$ . We will have  $t_1 = t_T$ ,  $t_5 = t_6$ ,  $t_2 = t_9$ ,  $t_4 = t_7$ , and  $t_3 = t_8$ . This leaves five lines from  $x$  to  $m$  that are skew to every line in  $R$ . Pick one of those lines and call it  $y$ . We will choose  $y = V(x + w, y - z)$ . Then  $R$  and  $y$  will determine a complete spread  $S$ .

Note that since  $y$  contains the points  $(0, 1, 1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, 0, T)$ , we can determine if it is a line of the form  $[a + b\alpha, c + d\alpha]$  for some  $a + b\alpha, c + d\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{121}$ . Take  $(1, 0, a + c, b + d) = (1, 0, 0, T)$  and  $(0, 1, d - b, a - c) = (0, 1, 1, 0)$ . Then  $a + c = 0$ ,  $b + d = T$ ,  $d - b = 1$ , and  $a - c = 0$ . Solving this system of equations yields  $a = c = 0$  and  $b = T$  and  $d = 0$ . So we in fact get  $y = [T\alpha, 0]$ . Thus the complete spread determined by  $R + y$  is in fact the ‘‘canonical’’ spread  $S = \{[a, 0] : a \in \mathbb{F}_{121}\} \cup \{\ell_\infty\}$ .

Denote by  $G$  the regulus determined by  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $y$ . Note  $\ell \in G^\times$ . In fact, we can write  $G = \{[a\alpha, 0] : a \in \mathbb{F}_{11}\} \cup \{\ell_\infty\} \subseteq S$ .

We will then write  $\mathcal{B} = S \setminus (R \cup G)$ , where  $R$  is the  $[a, 0]_\infty$  regulus and  $G$  is the  $[a\alpha, 0]_\infty$  regulus. Note that  $R \cap G = \{r_0, \ell_\infty\}$ . Denote by  $G^* = G \setminus \{r_0, \ell_\infty\}$ . Then  $S_1 = \mathcal{B} \cup G^* \cup R^\times$  is a spread.

Now, recall  $\ell = \overline{AB}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{A}$  the lines of  $S_1$  that meet  $\ell$ ;  $\mathcal{A}$  is not a regulus (despite  $\#\mathcal{A} = 12$ );  $\mathcal{A}$  has two transversals:  $\ell$  and  $m$ . Finally, denote by  $W$  the set  $S_1 \setminus \mathcal{A} \cup \{\ell, m\}$ .  $W$  is a maximal partial spread of size  $q^2 - q + 1$  (Theorem 3.5 in Bruen). In our  $q = 11$  case, that is 111.

Set theoretically, we have

$$W = (((S \setminus (R \cap G)) \cup G^* \cup R^\times) \setminus \mathcal{A}) \cup \{\ell, m\}.$$

So  $\mathbb{P}_{11}^3 \setminus W$  is the set of points on lines of  $S_1$  that meet  $\ell$  other than points actually on  $\ell$  or  $m$ . So the complement has  $q^3 + q^2 + q + 1 - (q^2 - q + 2)(q + 1) = q^3 + q^2 + q + 1 - (q^3 + q + 2) = q^2 - 1$  points.

Note that

$$\mathcal{A} = \{u', v', y = r_{T\alpha}, r_{9\alpha}, r_{8\alpha}, \dots, r_\alpha\}$$

where  $u', v' \in R^\times$  and  $r_{T\alpha}, r_{9\alpha}, r_{8\alpha}, \dots, r_\alpha \in G^*$ . In our case, we have  $G^* \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  (I guess in Bruen's general construction, this isn't necessarily true?) and so we can simplify the construction of  $W$  considerably. We get  $W = (S \setminus (R \cap G)) \cup (R^\times \setminus \{u', v'\}) \cup \{\ell, m\}$ .